

I. Population

Louisiana population figures provide a frame of reference for examining the vital events that occur within the resident population. The state's population is a function of the number of births, deaths, and migrations into and out of the state. The total population and the populations of sex, race, and age subgroups are used to calculate the rates at which births, illnesses, and deaths occur in these respective groups.

The total population in Louisiana has generally increased each year since 1945. In the late 1980s, though, Louisiana experienced a net population loss, primarily because of migration out of the state. Population estimates for 1998 place the number of Louisiana residents at 4,368,967. The United States' population is, as a whole, slightly older than Louisiana's population, with a mean age of 33.9 in Louisiana versus 36.2 in the United States. In both the United States and Louisiana, the proportion of women to men increases as the populations age. In Louisiana, blacks represent 32% of the population, whereas in the United States as a whole, blacks comprise less than 13% of the population.

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Table 1.1: Louisiana Population, 1945-1998

Year	Population	Year	Population	Year	Population
1945	2,429,000	1963	3,377,000	1981	4,283,303
1946	2,556,000	1964	3,446,000	1982	4,352,608
1947	2,579,000	1965	3,496,000	1983	4,395,316
1948	2,596,000	1966	3,550,000	1984	4,400,477
1949	2,634,000	1967	3,581,000	1985	4,408,118
1950	2,697,000	1968	3,603,000	1986	4,406,919
1951	2,769,000	1969	3,619,000	1987	4,344,148
1952	2,842,000	1970	3,644,637	1988	4,288,863
1953	2,866,000	1971	3,710,487	1989	4,252,894
1954	2,883,000	1972	3,761,646	1990	4,217,362
1955	2,946,000	1973	3,788,375	1991	4,241,224
1956	3,032,000	1974	3,820,109	1992	4,273,734
1957	3,115,000	1975	3,886,104	1993	4,290,100
1958	3,155,000	1976	3,950,605	1994	4,314,630
1959	3,208,000	1977	4,014,459	1995	4,338,072
1960	3,260,000	1978	4,068,579	1996	4,350,759
1961	3,287,000	1979	4,137,665	1997	4,351,769
1962	3,345,000	1980	4,205,900	1998	4,368,967

Source: United States Census Bureau

**Table 1.2: Population Counts by Sex, Race, and Age Groups 0 to 49 Years
Louisiana, 1998**

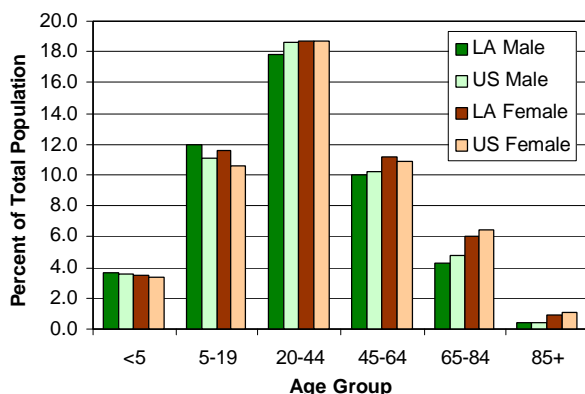
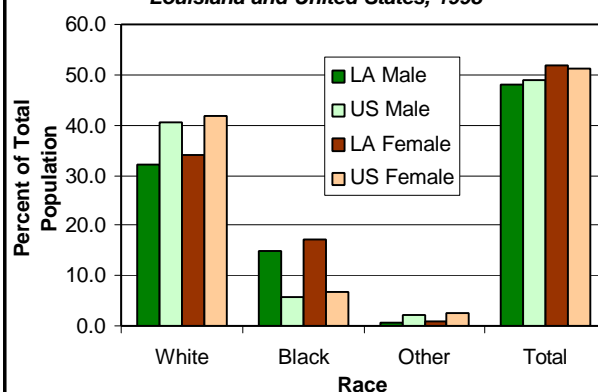
Sex	Race	Age Groups 0-49									
		0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
Male	White	93,022	95,910	100,125	111,376	99,834	94,173	97,883	114,910	118,739	103,568
	Black	62,904	66,495	66,448	71,696	56,547	44,196	42,774	46,286	47,025	38,839
	Other	3,565	3,236	3,398	3,670	3,204	2,915	2,770	3,007	2,823	2,381
Female	White	88,855	91,782	95,265	106,866	97,921	98,719	99,169	115,036	118,177	105,089
	Black	61,700	64,514	65,342	73,318	63,129	50,627	50,301	54,767	55,948	48,580
	Other	3,303	2,969	3,162	3,674	3,078	3,114	2,733	2,979	3,010	2,761

Source: United States Census Bureau, 1998 Population Estimates

**Table 1.3: Population Counts by Sex, Race, and Age Groups 50 to 85+ Years
Louisiana, 1998**

Sex	Race	Age Groups 50-85+								Total
		50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85+	
Male	White	88,939	72,246	61,080	49,824	44,022	32,389	18,028	11,357	1,407,425
	Black	28,117	21,618	17,971	15,541	12,013	8,783	4,945	4,213	656,411
	Other	1,793	1,325	983	651	488	325	200	186	36,920
Female	White	92,837	77,150	66,219	60,218	56,884	47,850	32,056	29,762	1,479,855
	Black	36,329	29,384	25,066	21,647	17,192	13,906	9,049	9,993	750,792
	Other	2,031	1,398	1,122	822	586	381	218	223	37,564

Source: United States Census Bureau, 1998 Population Estimates

**Figure 1.1: Percents of Total Population
by Sex and Age Group
Louisiana and United States, 1998****Figure 1.2: Percents of Total Population
by Sex and Race
Louisiana and United States, 1998**

Source: United States Census Bureau, 1998 Population Estimates

**Table 1.4: Percents of Total Population by Sex and Age Group
Louisiana and United States, 1998**

Location	Sex	Age Group						
		<5	5-19	20-44	45-64	65-84	85+	All Ages
LA	Male	3.7	12.0	17.8	10.0	4.3	0.4	48.1
	Female	3.5	11.6	18.7	11.2	6.0	0.9	51.9
	Both	7.2	23.6	36.5	21.2	10.3	1.3	100.0
US	Male	3.6	11.1	18.6	10.2	4.8	0.4	48.9
	Female	3.4	10.6	18.7	10.9	6.4	1.1	51.1
	Both	7.0	21.7	37.4	21.2	11.2	1.5	100.0

Source: United States Census Bureau, 1998 Population Estimates

**Table 1.5: Percents of Total Population by Race and Sex
Louisiana and United States, 1998**

Location	Sex	Race			
		White	Black	Other	Total
LA	Male	32.2	15.0	0.8	48.1
	Female	33.9	17.2	0.9	51.9
	Both	66.1	32.2	1.7	100.0
US	Male	40.5	6.0	2.3	48.9
	Female	42.0	6.7	2.5	51.1
	Both	82.5	12.7	4.8	100.0

Source: United States Census Bureau, 1998 Population Estimates

Table 1.6: Louisiana Population, 1998

<i>Parish</i>	<i>1998 Estimate</i>	<i>Parish</i>	<i>1998 Estimate</i>
Acadia	58,249	Madison	13,058
Allen	24,242	Morehouse	31,438
Ascension	71,825	Natchitoches	37,744
Assumption	23,006	Orleans	468,124
Avoyelles	41,860	Ouachita	147,657
Beauregard	31,164	Plaquemines	26,407
Bienville	15,657	Pointe Coupee	23,316
Bossier	94,393	Rapides	126,901
Caddo	241,587	Red River	9,877
Calcasieu	181,799	Richland	20,873
Caldwell	10,666	Sabine	23,815
Cameron	9,040	St. Bernard	67,264
Catahoula	10,728	St. Charles	48,015
Claiborne	17,136	St. Helena	9,576
Concordia	21,310	St. James	21,289
DeSoto	24,735	St. John	42,242
East Baton Rouge	396,556	St. Landry	82,392
East Carroll	8,770	St. Martin	47,439
East Feliciana	20,837	St. Mary	57,322
Evangeline	34,373	St. Tammany	183,727
Franklin	21,935	Tangipahoa	95,510
Grant	18,755	Tensas	6,221
Iberia	72,982	Terrebonne	103,964
Iberville	30,660	Union	22,020
Jackson	15,601	Vermilion	51,244
Jefferson	453,165	Vernon	51,894
Jefferson Davis	31,464	Washington	44,341
Lafayette	184,521	Webster	42,658
Lafourche	88,269	West Baton Rouge	20,638
LaSalle	14,111	West Carroll	12,209
Lincoln	41,635	West Feliciana	13,480
Livingston	87,311	Winn	17,970

Source: LA Tech University

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